

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): ~~Pharmaceutical and cosmetic formulations~~ A formulation comprising an active ingredient, ~~suitable as a pharmaceutical or cosmetic,~~ and an auxillary amount of hydrophobic highly disperse silicon dioxide, having a tamped density of 70 to 400 g/l, determined in accordance with DIN 55943, wherein the silicon dioxide contains a maximum of 3.0 wt.% of water-wettable contents.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The formulation ~~formulations~~ according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic highly disperse silicon dioxide has a BET surface area between 50 and 400 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The formulation ~~formulations~~ according to claim 1, wherein the amount of hydrophobic highly disperse silicon dioxide is from 0.01 to 30 wt.%.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The formulation ~~formulations~~ according to claim 1, wherein the silicon dioxide has a tamped density of 90 ~~70~~ to 400 g/l, ~~determined in accordance with DIN 55943, and contains a maximum of 3.0 wt.% of water-wettable contents.~~